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1. COMMERCE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT FIRM THROUGH DENVER DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER CHANNELS REVEALS COMPANY IS SUBSIDIARY OF ENGELHARD MINERALS AND CHEMICALS CORPORATION WHICH HAS CONCENTRATED ITS DOMESTIC PRODUCTION ON MOLYBDENUM PRODUCTS AND DERIVATIVES NOW USED EXTENSIVELY IN PETROLEUM REFINING AS SUBSTITUTE CATALYSTS FOR PLATINUM. FIRM'S ABILITY TO UNDERTAKE PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT EXECUTION GUARANTEES UNQUESTIONABLE IN VIEW OVERALL CORPORATE CONNECTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. SHATTUCK COLLABORATING WITH SINGMASTER & BREYER (JOHN RUSSELL, PARTNER) IN DEVELOPING BOLIVIAN PROGRAM. LATTER IS LARGE AND WELL-KNOWN CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM USED BY CHEMICAL AND METALLURGICAL FIRMS AS WELL AS U.S.G. FOR DESIGN REPORTS AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

3. ABOVE SUMMARY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM M. RATZKER OF ENGELHARD AND VICTOR REYNOLDS, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR TECHNICAL OPERATIONS, S.W. SHATTUCK CHEMICAL CO. LATTER WILL RETURN TO UNCLASSIFIED

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VIDE ANY FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION REQUESTED.

4. EARLIER USDOC COMMENT ON SIZE AND RELATIVE NEWNESS
OF SHATTUCK BASED ON D&B DENVER TELEPHONED SUMMARY WHICH
DID NOT IDENTIFY COMPANY CONNECTIONS OR HISTORY PRIOR
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